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ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY ASPECTS OF THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part III)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 138 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/48/807 and Add.1.

2. At its 53rd meeting, on 18 March 1994, the Fifth Committee considered the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations". Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary record (see A/C.5/48/SR.53).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.5/48/L.47

3. At the 53rd meeting, on 18 March 1994, the Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to a draft decision entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations", the text of which would be subsequently issued as a document (A/C.5/48/L.47).

4. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee read out revisions to the draft decision, which had been agreed upon during informal consultations.

5. Also at the 53rd meeting, on 18 March 1994, the Committee adopted the revised draft decision without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations

The General Assembly:

(a) Notes the views expressed and the proposals introduced by Member States with a view to reducing overall costs relating to the administrative and budgetary aspects of peace-keeping operations, and decides to consider, as a priority matter, no later than the end of May 1994, all the administrative and budgetary aspects relating to peace-keeping operations, including cost-effective use of air travel, allowances, treatment of credits and budget surplus, contractual arrangements, compensation for death and disability and reimbursements to troop-contributing countries;

(b) Requests the Secretary-General, in this context, to present a compendium of the relevant recommendations and observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, together with his comments, and reiterates its request that the Secretary-General provide an overview of the administrative guidelines applicable to the management of peace-keeping operations;

(c) Decides that the Secretary-General should develop a revised methodology for the estimation of the assessment in connection with the Tax Equalization Fund relative to the special accounts of peace-keeping operations, in consultation with Member States concerned, and submit proposals to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, no later than 15 April, for decision, in order to ensure a more accurate estimation of the amounts required;

(d) Decides also that future financial performance reports for peace-keeping operations will include information regarding the number of staff receiving tax reimbursements or advances, in proportion to the total number of staff during the previous financial period or periods, as well as amounts paid.